

# DANCING TOY LOLLIPOP

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### CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

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## BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0001] This invention relates to lollipops and, particularly, to the way, inway in which the lollipops edible part is attachedassembled to the holding stick a stick, replacing the traditional single edible part tightly fixed to the holding stick a stick with one or more edible and/or inedible independent pieces, pieces loosely attachedassembled to a candy holder said stick and free to move in relation to it, what allows allowing their separate production and the creation of a great variety of designs, and, as alternative, the packaging and distribution of unassembled lollipops to be assembled in diverse combinations by the user, and at the same time, the dancing toy lollipop object of the present invention can be used as a simple toy which performs dancing like motions when the user manually shakes it or moves it in different ways.

[0002] In their simple basic form, lollipops have been known for long time, and many different inventions have been developed regarding this type of candy. The lollipop consumption has been growing year after year, and at the same time, their fields of use

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have been diversified, including pharmaceutical products and other edible

confectioneries and toys.

[0003] Despite the numerous innovations and devices related to lollipops that have been

created, one characteristic has remained unchanged in all of them: the tight attachment

of a single candy piece candy or edible piece at one end of a disposable holding stick, or

a stem. or a holder stem. Therefore, consumers have enjoyed sucking, licking or biting

the candy edible piece rigidly attached to itsto a stick, what provides several advantages

such as, for example, when the user wants to speak or drink some beverage, may easily

take out the candy from his/her mouth and hold it safely in the meantime, but with the

limitations to enjoy it imposed by its rigid connection to a holding element. That rigid

connection between the eardy edible piece and its holding stick or stem, limits its

movements inside the mouth, in comparison to common candies, without a stick rigidly

attached.

[0004] Consequently, many patents and designs have been issued for improvements and

novelties, and a great variety of designs has been introduced in the field of lollipops, but,

according to our search, those patents have been always related to lollipops with fixed

and rigid connection between the eandy edible piece and a stick or a holder stem.

[0005] The main property of the dancing toy lollipop present invention object of the

present invention—, wherein is the that the lollipop edible pieces are loosely

attachedassembled to the lollipop stick, and due to that significant

difference in comparison to known lollipops, the present invention constitutes the

creation of a new kind of lollipop, which allows more pleasant free movements inside

the consumer's mouth, almost like common candies, and, in addition, may be moved

like a simple toy by the user's hand, increasing his/her pleasure pleasure.

[0006] The sticks and the eandies movable edible parts of the dancing toy lollipop object

of the present invention might may be independently and separately produced,

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propitiating the development of much more configuration alternatives for those for main

these main components of lollipops.

[0007] Some patents have been issued for lollipops with flexible or elastic sticks, or

holding sticks with slits, but in all cases, the inventions are also consistently referred to

candies tightly attached around one end of a stick.

[0008] In addition, On the other hand, in order to increase the user's amusement while

consuming lollipops, many different types of driving holders, some of them included in

the references above, have been invented to provide the candy with different patterns of

movements motions, sounds, and/or illumination patterns., some of them included in the

references above. Such holders undoubtedly play an important roll in making lollipops

more attractive and contributing to their market expansion.

[0008.01][0009] However, in all patented candy holders, when the author claims

any novel elements or features apparently similar in name or function to some mentioned

in the present invention, such elements or features are completely different in location,

function and purpose, due to the fact that they refer to candy holders which are intended

to transmit amusing movements to conventional or novelty lollipops rigidly attached to

sticks which are inserted to said driving candy holders and, in general, to candies securely

attached to holding devices.

[0008.02][0010] Although Liaw, in his Lollypop holder, US patent No. 5,536,054 issued

on July 1996, teaches what at first sight looks like a dancing toy lollipop, and mentions a

movable candy, an upper end portion and an open cavity, said upper end portion is

located at the top end of his candy holder and said open cavity is located in said upper

end portion, being its purpose to receive the free end of the stick of a conventional

lollipop or novelty confectionery, to make the candy lollipop as a whole to perform a

certain pattern of motion caused by the candy holder, which is the object of his invention.

In the present invention, wherein the object is not a driving candy holder, but a simple

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lollipop with innovative features to be manually moved, the cavity is located inside the

edible part of a new type of lollipop, and its purpose is to provide an opening for its loose

assembling to the lollipop stick, thereby transforming the edible piece into a movable

element relative to the lollipop stick, when the candy is manually moved in different

ways by the user, while, in turn, the lollipop stick is converted into a holding stick, which

is an independent disposable or reusable holding element for the movable edible pieces.

[0008.03][0011] Therefore, when Liaw teaches the candy holder with all its components,

he refers to the main object of his invention, which is to hold and actively cause the

movement of conventional lollipops or confectioneries as a whole, by means of the candy

holder, which is in fact a certain type of battery powered driving device.

[0008.04][0012] When Liaw and others mention and describe retaining means, they refer

to elements located in the cavity of a candy driving holder device, with the purpose of

retaining securely in position the holding stick of conventional or novelty lollipops

inserted into the holder device cavity or, alternately, in the case of candy holders with

male holding elements in the form of stems, they refer to secure means to retain tightly

and securely attached candy pieces of female configuration to match the holder stem,

while in the present invention, the retaining means are located on the stick of the lollipop,

and their purpose is to retain one or more movable edible pieces of the lollipop loosely

assembled to said lollipop holding stick, and not to any driving holder device.

[0008.05][0013] The retaining means of the holding stick, combined with the interior

assembling cavity of the movable edible pieces integrating the present invention, instead

of the usual tight union, provide a loose union between both basic components of

lollipops, in order to allow, in a passive way, a great variety of free motions of the edible

pieces of the lollipop in relation to its holding stick, when the candy toy is conveniently

moved by the user's hand.

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[0008.06][0014] Coleman et al. have patented many different candy holders devices,

such as the Novelty candy holder and dispenser, US patent No. 5,874,119, issued on

February 1999; the Swirlee pop, US patent No.5,921,841, issued on July 1999; the Nearly

headless noisemaker candy toy, US patent No.6,402,580, issued on June 2002, and many

others with a great variety of innovations, but all of them refer to driving candy holders,

battery or manually powered, whose main purpose is to securely hold\_lollipops or

novelty candies and actively cause their movement in diverse amusing patterns, and their

innovative features are always related to driving holding devices.

<del>[0008:07]</del>[0015] Filo et al, invented a Sound-transmitting amusement device and

method, US patent No.5,902,167, issued on May1999, but his invention comprises sound

emission devices, related, like in the previously mentioned inventions, to candy holders

as separate devices to which known lollipops and other confectioneries are connected in

different ways.

<del>[0008.08]</del>[0016] Contrary to Liaw's and many other inventions, which refer to

candy holders driving devices, the present invention refers to a simple lollipop with an

edible piece assembled to a holding stick almost as in conventional lollipops, but with the

essential difference that, instead of being tight and rigid as in conventional lollipops, the

union between the edible piece and the stick is loose, in order to allow, (and not to cause,

as most lollipops holders do), the free movement of the edible piece in relation to said

holding stick, when the candy, alone as a whole, is subjected to movement caused by the

user's hand holding the stick of the lollipop, as a simple funny toy, or by the user's

tongue, inside his/her mouth, when the dancing toy lollipop is licked and/or sucked by the

user, almost as easily as common candies not rigidly attached to a stick as known

lollipops are.

<del>[0008.09]</del>[0017] More related to the present invention is the Safety Lollipop,

invented by Davis, US patent No.3,264,115, issued on August 1966, comprising a novel

lollipop articulated stick, since it refers to a novel lollipop candy and not to a holding

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driving device. However, in his invention, the edible part of the lollipop is tightly

attached to the holding stick, as usual in known lollipops. Therefore the only similarity

between Davis' invention and the dancing toy lollipop object of the present invention is

that both refer to the same general field of lollipops or candies provided with holding

elements.

[0009][0018] However, those holders in general In general, although candy holders

undoubtedly play an important roll to make lollipops more attractive, contributing to

their market expansion, lollipop holders and driving devices are relatively complex and

expensive, what highlights the relevance of the innovation introduced by the present

invention, creating simple movable lollipops, just attaching the edible pieces to the

holding stick in such a way that they may be sucked, licked and moved inside the user's

mouth almost like a common candy, with a significant increase in joy and pleasure, and

alternatively, this movable lollipop acts like a simple toy, when the user moves the

holding-stick producing random motions, like a sort of dancing, of the movable edible

and/or inedible pieces loosely attached to the stick, consisting in a rather simple lollipop,

wherein the edible part of the lollipop is loosely assembled to the lollipop stick, in such a

way, that it combines some of the advantages of common candies without stick, with the

advantages of lollipops provided with holding sticks, but adding special features to

improve the user's amusement. The dancing toy lollipop object of the present invention

may also be used in combination with a known or a specially designed holder.

<del>[0009.01]</del>[0019] One of the main additional features of the dancing toy lollipop

object of the present invention, is that its edible part may be sucked, licked and moved

inside the user's mouth almost like a common candy, without the limitations imposed by

the rigid union to a stick or to a candy holder device, as in known or prior art lollipops,

increasing the user's joy and pleasure.

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<del>[0009.02]</del>[0020] Other feature of the dancing toy lollipop object of the present invention is that it behaves like a very simple toy, when the user manually moves it in

different ways, making the movable pieces, loosely assembled to the stick, perform funny

random motions, like a sort of dancing, increasing his/her amusement.

[0010][0021] Furthermore, the present invention allows the manufacturers the option to package and supply the lollipops in kits with the components unassembled, possibly reducing production costs and, at the same time, providing to giving the user the opportunity to create different lollipops combinations, attaching assembling to the holding stick in random order, either single or multiple eandies or edible and/or inedible pieces\_in general, or merely decorative pieces, with diverse sizes, shapes, colors and

flavors in the one same lollipop.

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BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0011][0022] In traditionalknown lollipops, usually a single candy-piece or edible piece

is firmly attached to one end of a stick, and and both components are manufactured and

supplied assembled as a whole.

[0012][0023] It is an object of the present invention, object of the present invention to,

to provide lollipops consumers create a new and different kind of lollipop, comprising

one or more edible and / orand/or inedible components pieces assembled to a modified

lollipop stick, so converted into a holding stick, which are being said pieces loose and

free to move in diverse ways in relation to the holding stick, and converted, in turn, into

movable edible pieces, facilitating the sucking and licking of-the said movable edible

pieces by the action of the consumer's tongue inside his/her the consumer's mouth,

almost like common candies without rigidly inserted sticks as known lollipops.

[0012.01][0024] Other object of the present invention is to create a lollipop that, at

the same time, constitutes a simple manually movable toy for the user's amusement,

usually a child, driven just by his/her active hand movements, without the aid of

mechanical and/or battery powered electrical holders, which generally are relatively

complex and expensive.

[0013][0025] Other Still other object of the present invention is to provide make

possible for -confectioneries manufacturers, to produce a new and different kind of

lollipop wherein the holding stick and the other components of the lollipop may be

produced independently, even though using current manufacturing processes and

without the requirement of new or sophisticated -technologies, including as a significant

advantage, and may be either factory assembled or that the different components of the

dancing toy lollipop may be packaged and supplied unassembled as separate parts.

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[0014][0026] Another object of the present invention is the creation of lollipops with

either simple or complex candy holders, as an holding sticks, which may be

manufactured and supplied- as independent and separate components, made

of nontoxic plastics, or any or any other suitable material, which ean be may be

washable and reusable, and having which may have as optional or alternate properties,

elasticity or flexibility elasticity, flexibility, or both and other properties combined to

increase the random movements of the movable pieces, providing allowing the

development much of much more attractive and pleasant lollipops that move and oscillate

or vibrate when the holding stick is conveniently moved by the user's hand.

[0015][0013] Other object of the present invention, object of the present invention, is to

provide a lollipop, which at the same time constitutes a simple movable toy for the

user's amusement, usually a child, driven just by his/her active hand movements,

without the aid of amechanical and/or electrical holder, which usually are relatively

complex and expensive, although, if attached to a known or to a new specially designed

driving holder, the mobility of the dancing toy lollipop would add to the user's

amusement

[0016][0027] An additional object of the present invention is to increase the user's

pleasure and the lollipop appeal, promoting and facilitating the design of many different

and attractive configurations and candy combinations, including the use of miniature

electronic devices to emit sounds and/or light, which can be inserted in different

components of the dancing toy lollipop, with a great variety of colors, flavors and

configurations.

[0017][0028] One advantage of the present invention, as a result of its main objects and

features above exposed, is that it makes economically and technically feasible to

manufacture, by well known manufacturing processes, eardy holders holding sticks of

several suitable materials, eventually reusable, with many different configurations, from

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the simplest to relatively complex shapes, including, but not limited to, ramified eandy

holders holding sticks with two, three or more branches resembling plant stems, rattle

snakes, stylized rattlesnake like holding sticks, which may be bent and wound at will by

the user, etc., to attach which may be assembled similar or different movable edible

pieces to them, resembling dancing dolls, Halloween pumpkins, rattlesnakestylized

rattlesnake disks, fruits or flowers or any kindother type of configurations.

[0018] As an optional attractive feature, the candy holder of the dancing toy lollipop

object of the present invention, can be provided either with an integrated section, or a

separate attachment, conveniently conformed to encase inside it a miniature electronic

device and its battery power source as a block unit, which will be automatically activated

whenever the dancing toy lollipop is touched or moved by the user, to play a pleasant

melody and/ or to emit colored blinking tiny lights during a short period of time. In the

ease of light emission, the candy holder and any other component may be made of

translucent material, and with appropriate external surface to behave like a thick optical

fiber, or alternately, may have one or more optical fibers embedded to conduct the light

emitted by the electronic device to the movable candies, which, in turn, also must be

translucent.

[0019][0029] Other advantage of the present invention is that it makes possible to

produce a great variety of toy lollipops with only one holding stick and either one or

more separate and movable edible and/or inedible parts pieces, stacked one above the

other on the same onto the same holding stick, or assembled to ramified holding sticks,

in many combinations of sizes, flavors, colors and shapes.

[0020][0030] Another advantage of the present invention is that some of the

independent inedible components may have the additional function of finger guards,

preventing the direct contact between the user's fingers and the edible components;

thereby parts, contributing to a cleaner and more hygienic handling of the toy-lollipop

dancing toy lollipop while it is consumed.

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[0021][0031] An additional advantage of this invention is that the user has the option to

assemble customized combinations of edible and/or and inedible decorative components,

which may be supplied separately wrapped inside one packaged kit, what, kits, being

such options to some users will be an interesting feature improving the amusement and

entertainment provided by inherent to this new kindtype of lollipops lollipop.

[0021.01][0032] All components and the assembly of all possible alternate designs

of the dancing toy lollipop object of the present invention are feasible by means of very

well known conventional manufacturing processes and materials, since none of its

elements or features requires the development and use of any kind of sophisticated,

special or new technologies or materials.

[0022][0033] These features and advantages, and some others, will become evident to

those skilled in the art-, and with basic knowledge of mechanical design and

manufacturing processes, through the drawings figures and their descriptions illustrating

the present invention, which constitutes, in a certain way, the creation of refers to a new

kind of lollipop.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0023][0034] FIG. 1 comprises five views: FIGS. 1A through to 1E, illustrating

illustrate two relatively simple embodiments of the dancing toy lollipop object of the

present invention object of the present invention, with single movable candies edible

pieces and holding stick attachments.

[0024][0035] FIG. 2 comprises five views: FIGS. 2A through 2E, and 2B illustrating

illustrate another relatively simple embodiment of the dancing toy lollipop object of the

present invention and its components in exploded and assembled views.

[0035] FIG. 3 comprises two views: FIGS. 3A and 3B, illustrating illustrate an

alternate embodiment of the dancing toy lollipop invention object of the present

invention, with one movable candy integrated movable edible piece integrated by two

equal halves.

[0026][0037] FIG. 4 illustrates an alternate embodiment of the dancing toy lollipop

invention object of the present invention, with a transversally bored movable

eandycylindrical movable edible piece attached assembled to a eandy holder holding

stick.

[0027][0038] FIG. 5 comprises three views-FIGS. 5A-through to 5C-illustrating

illustrate an alternate embodiment of the dancing toy lollipop object of the present

<u>invention</u>, with a candy holder holding stick provided with a mechanically

attachedassembled movable piece, around which is molded a movable candy movable

edible piece.

[0028][0039] FIG. 6 comprises nine views: FIGS. 6A through 6J, illustrating to 6I

illustrate in magnified detail views, some different alternate configurations of upper

portions of holding sticks provided with several alternate possible embodiments of

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retaining means located at the top end and at intermediate and lower positions on candy

holders, to be, that may be used in diverse possible embodiments of the dancing toy

lollipop object of the present invention.

[0029][0040] FIG. 7 comprises eight views: FIGS. 7A through to 7H, illustrating

illustrate two alternate embodiments of eardy holder holding sticks and two alternate

embodiments of a separate slidingsliding retaining device. retaining element, which may

be used in different embodiments of the dancing toy lollipop object of the present

invention.

[0030][0041] FIG. 8 comprises eight views: FIGS. 8A through to 8H, illustrating

illustrate in axial section views, and several alternate embodiments configurations of

movable candy pieces. movable edible pieces that can be used in different embodiments

of the dancing toy lollipop object of the present invention.

[0031][0042] FIG. 9 comprises three views: FIGS. 9A through to 9C, illustrating

illustrate an alternate preferred embodiment of the dancing toy lollipop object of the

present invention object of the present invention, with two movable candies movable

edible pieces.

[0032][0043] -FIG. 10 comprises three views: FIGS. 10A through to 10 C, illustrating

in illustrate enlarged partial section views related to the preferred embodiment of the

dancing toy lollipop object of the present invention previously shown in FIG. 9FIGS.

9A to 9C, a possible and a possible way in which the retaining means are elastically

deformed during the process of assembling of the movable edible pieces to the holding

stick.

[0033][0044] FIG. 11 comprises three views: FIGS. 11A through to 11C, illustrating

illustrate another simple alternate embodiment of the dancing toy lollipop present

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invention object of the present invention, with a single movable candy movable edible

piece shaped like a sphere.

[0034][0045] FIG. 12 comprises two views: FIGS. 12A and 12B, illustrating illustrate

an alternate embodiment of the dancing toy lollipop object of the present invention

invention, with three movable candies movable edible pieces with different geometric

shapes.

[0035][0046] FIG. 13 comprises three views: FIGS. 13A through to 13C, illustrating

illustrate another simple alternate embodiment of the dancing toy lollipop object of the

present invention-with, with a single movable candy movable edible piece shaped like a

little bell.

[0036][0047] FIG. 14 comprises three views: FIGS. 14A through to 14C, illustrating

illustrate an alternate embodiment of the dancing toy lollipop present invention object of

the present invention, with two movable candies movable edible pieces shaped like little

bells.

[0037][0048] FIG. 15 comprises three views: FIGS. 15A through to 15C, illustrating

illustrate another alternate embodiment of the dancing toy lollipop present invention

object of the present invention, with a single movable candy movable edible piece

conformed like an inverted little bell.

[0038][0049] FIG. 16 comprises three views: FIGS. 16A through to 16C, illustrating

illustrate an alternate embodiment of the dancing toy lollipop present invention object of

the present invention, with two movable candies movable edible pieces shaped like

inverted little bells.

[0039][0050] FIG. 17 comprises four views: FIGS. 17A-through 17D, to 17C

illustrating illustrate an external perspective and frontal front views of an alternate

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preferred embodiment of the dancing toy lollipop invention object of the present

invention, resembling a little dancing doll in two different positions and supported on a

rocking base provided with a miniature electronic device block unit to play sounds

and/or to emit light.

[0040][0051] FIG. 18 comprises five views: FIGS. 18A-through to 18E, illustrating

illustrate another alternate preferred embodiment of the dancing toy lollipop present

invention object of the present invention, resembling a little dancing doll, with a

standing supporting basebase.

[0041][0052] FIG. 19 illustrates other possible embodiment of the dancing toy

lollipop invention object of the present invention, with a ramified candy holder

resembling plant stems holding stick resembling a plant stem with leaves, and three

movable candies movable edible pieces resembling little fruits, one on each candy holder

holding stick end tip.

[0042][0053] FIG. 20 illustrates another possible embodiment of the dancing toy

lollipop invention object of the present invention, with a ramified candy holder

resembling plant stems holding stick resembling a plant stem with leaves leaves, similar

to that shown in FIG. 19, but with the three movable candies movable edible pieces

resembling <u>little</u> flowers at each end tip of the <del>candy holder</del> holding stick.

[0043][0054] FIG. 21 illustrates another possible embodiment of the dancing toy

lollipop invention object of the present invention, with an alternate ramified embodiment

of the eardy holder holding stick and three movable candies movable edible pieces

resembling inverted little bells.

[0044][0055] FIG. 22 illustrates another possible embodiment of the dancing toy

lollipop invention-object of the present invention, with a different ramified eardy holder

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holding stick with the configuration of configured as a trident, provided with crimped

holding attachments at each tip, with movable candy pieces attached to which are

assembled movable edible pieces, with the configuration of little spheres.

[0045][0056] FIG. 23 illustrates another possible embodiment of the dancing toy

lollipop lollipop object of the present invention with, with multiple movable candies,

edible pieces stacked one above the other, resembling a worm. worm or caterpillar.

[0046][0057] FIG. 24 illustrates another possible embodiment of the dancing toy

lollipop object of the present invention, with with a single movable candy edible piece

resembling a flower supported above a spacer resembling a stylized plant stem with

leaves.

[0047][0058] FIG. 25 comprises two views: FIGS. 25A and 25B, illustrating illustrate

another possible embodiment of the dancing toy lollipop object of the present invention,

showing the position displacement of several movable eardies edible pieces stacked on

the onto a candy holder holding stick and supported by a separate sliding sliding retaining

piece element.

[0048][0059] FIG. 26 illustrates in centered central and laterally lateral

displaced oscillating displaced positions, a possible embodiment of the dancing toy

lollipop present invention, object of the present invention, consisting in a toy lollipop,

which comprises an resilient elastic candy holder holding stick and several movable

candies edible pieces.

[0049][0060] FIG. 27 illustrates a possible embodiment of the dancing toy lollipop

object of the present invention similar to that shown in FIG. 26, but with a

flexible extension grip portion attachment of the candy holder resembling a

rattlesnakestylized rattlesnake partially wound conforming to form a standing support.

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[0050][0061] FIG. 28 comprises two views: FIGS. 28A and 28B, illustrating

illustrate an alternate embodiment of the dancing toy lollipop present invention, object of

the present invention, comprising a candy holder main or primary holding stick with

several movable attachments and multiple eardy holding tips, provided with a handle,

inside which is encased a miniature electronic device to play sounds and/ or to emit light

secondary short holding sticks with movable edible pieces assembled to each of them.

[0051][0062] FIG. 29 comprises three views: FIGS. 29A-through to 29C, illustrating

illustrate in three steps a possible procedure to be followed by the user for the

assembling of a dancing toy lollipop object of the present inventionand, and for the

unwrapping of a movable-candy edible piece after the assembling.

[10052][0063] FIG. 30 comprises two views: FIGS. 30A and 30B, illustrating illustrate

a possible embodiment of the dancing toy lollipop invention object of the present

invention, previously shown in FIG. 18A, encased under a protecting transparent cover.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

[0053][0064] The dancing toy lollipop object of the present invention object of the

present invention, like conventional lollipops comprises three, comprises at least two

basic components and can although may have as many supplementary components as

desired. The three basic\_components are: a candy holder, one or more movable candy

pieces, and The two basic components are: a holding stick and a candy or edible piece

attached to one end of the holding stick. However, contrary to conventional lollipops, the

union between both components is not rigid, but loose, due to a special assembling

cavity inside the candy or edible piece and one or more sets retaining of retaining means,

integrated to the holding stick or assembled to it, which match within said assembling

cavity to retain both basic components in the desired axial position relative to each other,

but, at the same time, leaving sufficient free space between the matching elements to

allow the movement of the assembled edible piece in relation to the holding stick, when

the dancing toy lollipop is conveniently moved by the user's hand.

[0054][0065] The term eandy holder holding stick is used instead of holding preferred

instead of the term lollipop stick because in the present invention, though this main part

of the lollipop can be almost as simple as in common known lollipops, it is provided

with special miniature retaining means, and this its particular features convert it

particular feature turns it into a more useful and special component, eventually washable

and reusable.

[0055][0066] The candy holder and the candy pieces As explained above, the holding

stick and the edible part in the of the dancing toy lollipop object of the present invention

may be apparently similar to those used at present currently in traditional or novelty

lollipops, but instead of a rigid tight union between the candy holder the holding stick

and the candy pieces, the edible pieces, in the present invention these are loose and free

to move with respect to the candy holder, at the user's will, holding stick, when the user

manually moves the dancing toy lollipop, while, at the same time, said movable edible

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pieces remain securely retained on the holding stick by appropriate retaining means.

which are either integral part of the candy holder said holding stick or separate devices

elements attached to it.

[0056][0067] Throughout the description of the invention The parts, the components

equivalent to the candy edible part in conventional lollipops are referred to as movable

candy or movable candy pieces, since, movable edible pieces, because, as explained

above, among the main features the main feature of the present invention, is that said

parts are movable in relation to the eandy holder holding stick, differing from known

lollipops, in which those the edible parts are molded around and tightly fixed to a

holding to an end of a stick.

[0057][0068] The movable pieces in the dancing toy lollipop object of the present

invention can be edible or inedible, because some of them are may be made of non-toxic

inedible plastic or any other suitable material. When edible, movable pieces are may be

either candies or medicinal confectioneries. When the movable candy pieces movable

edible pieces are candies, they can be may have either conventional regular or dietetic,

and when medicinal, they may be either prophylactic or therapeutic prophylactic or

therapeutic purposes.

[0058] The retaining means ean may be resilient or articulated elements or rigid

stops. The resilient or articulated elements, in turn, ean may be unidirectional or bi-

directional, with many different designs configurations, provided that they accomplish

their function retaining in sufficiently secure reliable axial position positions the

movable candies movable edible pieces, but at the same time allowing their free

movement in relation to the eardy holder holding stick when the dancing toy lollipop is

conveniently moved by the user's hand.

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[0059][0070] Both kinds of retaining means, resilient elements and rigid stops stops,

may adopt many different shapes, and may be located in different positions on the candy

holder holding stick.

[0060][0071] The function of the end-or outer resilient retaining elements elements

located immediately at the upper end of the holding stick is to allow the entry of

movable pieces and, at the same time, prevent them from sliding back easily out of the

holder said holding stick.

[0061][0072] The function of the bi-directional resilient retaining elements is to retain a

movable candy one or more movable edible pieces in the desired position positions on

the earndy holder holding stick, but allowing the axial displacement of said movable

eandy movable edible pieces in both directions, when a sufficient requiring little effort

is applied by the user, in order to provide the user the possibility to attach more than one

movable candy to the candy holder, and move up the remaining lower movable candy

pieces to the top when the upper movable candy has been consumed.

[0062][0073] Since the The retaining means can be may be of different types, such as

resilient or articulated grapples or latches or flaps or rigid stops, and may adopt many

configurations, therefore, throughout the present description, they are may be referred

to, indistinctly, as retaining means or elements, resilient retaining means or elements,

resilient grapples latches, retainers, etc.

[0063] The dancing toy lollipop, as an additional option to increase its amusement

features, can be provided with an integrated section, or a separate attachment, large

enough and properly conformed to encase inside it a battery powered miniature

electronic device block unit, which is automatically activated whenever the dancing toy

lollipop is touched or moved by the user, to play a pleasant melody and/ or to emit

colored blinking tiny lights during a short period of time. In the case of light emission,

the candy holder and other components of the dancing toy lollipop may be made of

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translucent material, and with appropriate external surface to behave like a thick optical

fiber, or alternately, may have one or more optical fibers conveniently embedded to

conduct the light emitted by the electronic device to the movable candies, which, in turn,

also must be translucent.

[0064][0074] All components of the present invention, in all their possible variations,

can be produced using eommon current manufacturing processes, which allow high rates

of production, are reliable and highly efficient and reliable, and are very well known in

the fields of confectionery and injection molding. Neither new nor special or

sophisticated processes or materials are required for the development and introduction in

production of the dancing toy lollipop object of the present invention.

[0065][0075] In the consecutive drawings, the same or equivalent component elements

or parts of components are elements are designated with the same reference character,

combinations of three or more digits. The last two digits at the right, followed or not by a

lower case letter or prime symbols, are related to according to their function the function

or type of element or part of element, rather than to its configuration, since there are a

great number of different possible shapes for the same components type of component.

The remaining digits to the left identify the number of the figure where an element or

part of element with the same configuration was referred to for the first time throughout

the detailed description of the invention. When two or more elements of the same type

and function, but with different configuration, are referred to in a same figure or group

of figures, since all the digits will be the same, one of them will be identified adding a

lower case letter or a prime symbol at the right end of its designation. On the other hand,

for the indications of movement, dotted line arrows are used, designated by a capital M

followed by consecutive numbers, which are repeated in different figures, whenever

components with the same function are involved in movements that are of the same type

and direction. To designate sections, details and directions of views, consecutive not

repeated roman numbers are used.

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<u>[0066][0076]</u> Most\_main\_All main features of the dancing toy lollipop object of the present invention, are explained below in the detailed description of the illustrative drawings, drawings; however, the preferred possible embodiments of the components of the present invention may be much more diversified than those shown in the following figures.

[0067][0077] FIG. 1 comprises five views, FIGS. 1A through to 1E. This figure illustrates illustrate two different simple possible embodiments of the dancing toy lollipop object of the present invention object of the present invention, with two different candy holders holding sticks combined with two different configurations of movable candies movable edible pieces and holding sticks attachments.

[0078] In FIG. 1A is shown an axial section view of a possible embodiment of the dancing toy lollipop object of the present invention, object of the present invention which, which comprises a candy holder 101 holding stick 101, substantially equal to the cylindrical holding stick used in common lollipops, at whose but at whose top end is securely fixed the eardy holder holding stick attachment 101a. In this embodiment, the eandy holder the holding stick attachment 101a, is of female type, provided with a socket 110, and is conveniently secured and is securely attached to the top end of the stick 101, by the notches 111, crimped on the socket 110 of the eardy holder holding stick attachment 101a after its assembling. The top end 103 of said attachment 101a is rounded to facilitate the assembling of the single movable candy movable edible piece 102, which has spherical shape in this case. The eardy holder holding stick attachment 101a is provided with upper resilient retaining elements 104, consisting in consisting, in this case, in a couple of thin rounded fin like grapples- flexible elements protruding to opposite sides of said eardy holder holding stick attachment which, in addition, and a is also provided with a lower retainer consisting in a stop shoulder 105. The upper grapples 104 retaining elements 104 are immediately adjacent to the top end 103, and the lower stop 105 is located at short distance below, forming a neck space 106-106 between both of them. In this view, the movable candy movable edible piece 102 is shown axially

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sectioned, in a momentary axial position, during its assembling to the eardy holder 101 holding stick 101, combining a downward displacement with a twisting clockwise motion, as indicated by the arrows M1 and M2 and M2, respectively, in a sort of helical movement, with its. At the position illustrated, a constrained interior circular edge or insertion insertion insertion throat 109, at the bottom of the tapered assembling tapered cavity 108 in the movable candy movable edible piece 102, passing is passing over the resilient retaining elements 104, and elastically bending clockwise toward the eardy holder axis, both both opposite round grapples flexible retaining elements 104 toward the holding stick axis— to allow the assembling of the movable candy movable edible piece 102 to the eardy holder holding stick attachment 101a.

100691[0079] In FIG. 1B is shown a top magnified section view of the embodiment shown in FIG. 1A through the plane designated by the line I-I in the same figure. In this view can be observed a magnified cross section of the lower portion of the movable eardy movable edible piece 102, 102 during its assembling, at an instant in which with the upper resilient grapples retaining elements 104 are elastically bent clockwise toward the axis of the eardy holder holding stick attachment 101a, so that the outer distance from tip to tip of the opposite fin like elements is momentarily reduced and substantially equal to the inner diameter of the insertion throat 109, in 109 in the movable candy movable edible piece 102.

the arrow II in FIG. 1B, of the same possible embodiment previously shown in FIGS. 1A and 1B, held by the user's hand 100, with the movable candy movable edible piece 102 axially sectioned, viewed in axial section, already assembled in its final position, wherein the insertion throat 109, at the bottom of the assembling cavity 108, is engaged at the neck space 106, retained being retained said movable edible piece 102 in axial position between the by the resilient retaining elements 104 and the lower stop 105 of the candy holder on the holding stick attachment 101a, being in such a way, that said movable candy movable edible piece free is free to rock, tilt and/or rotate

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to any side in relation to the earndy holder 101 holding stick 101, as indicated by the arrow M3 and illustrated by the dashed line contours 112 and 113, when the dancing toy lollipop is conveniently moved by the user's hand 100.

<u>[0071][0081]</u> The resting stable position of the <u>movable eardy movable edible piece</u> depends upon the height of its center of gravity relative to <u>its insertion its insertion</u> throat or plane of support. When the <u>insertion throat or plane of support is lower</u> than the center of gravity, as in the case of the embodiment illustrated in **FIGS 1A** through to 1C, the normal resting position of the <u>movable candy movable edible piece</u> is inclined or tilted to a side. When the <u>insertion throat or plane of support is higher than, or coincident with,</u> the center of gravity, as in other embodiments that will be shown further, the resting position of the <u>movable candy will movable edible pieces may</u> be centered.

[0072][0082] FIG 1D is a top view of the same embodiment previously shown in FIG. 1C.

embodiment of the present invention, in which the eardy holder 101 holding stick 101' consists in a hollow cylinder stick similar to common drinking straws, to which is securely inserted a eardy holder attachment 101a holding stick attachment 101a'. In this alternate embodiment the eardy holder attachment 101a holding stick attachment 101a' is of male type, provided with a lower pin 114 lower stem 112. The eardy holder holding stick attachment 101a can be secured is securely fitted to the hollow-eardy holder 101 holding stick 101' by press fit or tight fit, using an appropriate using a currently available non-toxic adhesive or by any other convenient suitable procedure. In this embodiment, the top end 103-103' of the eardy holder holding stick attachment 101a attachment 101a' is split open, allowing the elastic inward depression of the resilient retaining means 104 elements 104', consisting which consist in a pair of oppositesopposite upper expanded grapples flexible latches, to allow the attachment and

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retention of the movable candy 102 movable edible piece 102, shaped like an inverted truncated cone or inverted little bell, so that the insertion throat 109 109', located in this case at a medium an intermediate section of the assembling cavity-108 108', is engaged at the neck space 106' of the eardy holder holding stick attachment 101a 101a', located between the upper resilient grapples flexible latches 104 104' and the stop 105. 105'. In this view, as in FIG. 1C, can be appreciated the free space between the eavity assembling cavity 108 in the movable early movable edible piece 102 and the candy holder holding stick attachment 101a, such that said movable eandy movable edible piece-102 102', though securely reliably retained in axial position. is free to swing and/or swivel in relation to the candy holder holding stick 101', in a sort of random dancing motions, when the dancing toy lollipop is conveniently flipped, shaken or revolved manually by the user, manually or with the aid of a special driving holder. Furthermore, when the movable candy movable edible piece is being consumed, inside the consumer's mouth, it may be sucked, licked and moved by the user's tongue in a way very similar to the possible movements of common candies, which which, unlike known lollipops-are, are not restrained by rigidly inserted holding sticks rigidly attached like known lollipops.

[0074][0084] FIG. 2 comprises five views, FIGS. 2A through to 2E. This figure illustrates illustrate an alternate another possible embodiment of the dancing toy lollipop object of the present invention, early holder with a simple holding stick combined with an alternate embodiment of a movable early movable edible piece, which is provided with an optional early plug edible plug.

[0075][0085] In FIG. 2A is shown an exploded elevation view of a possible embodiment of the dancing toy lollipop. At the lower part of the figure, is shown a earndy holder 101 holding stick 201, which consists in a is a cylindrical stick with its lower end 107 207 rounded, and with the core section of its upper end tip 103 reduced and provided with resilient retaining elements 104, comprising, in turn, opposite thin rounded fin like grapples elements like those referred to for the first time in FIG. 1C,

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whose normally expanded width is slightly larger than the body section of the eandy

holder body of the holding stick, forming a smaller section space or neck 106, which is

below, adjacent to said retaining elements 104, adopting a configuration similar to the

upper portion of the holding stick attachment 101a previously shown in FIGS. 1A to 1D

[0076][0086] In FIG. 2B In the same FIG. -2A, above the holding stick, is shown an

axial section view of a possible embodiment of a movable piece 102, like that referred to

for the first time in FIG. 1A, with the configuration of a sphere, in which the assembling

cavity 108 has the shape of a tapered hole, with the lower end constricted opening

reduced to form a insertion throat 109, while the upper opening of said

cavity 108 is closed by a plug 201, which is securely stuck to the inner surface of the

eavity. The size of the insertion throat 109 is slightly smaller than the width of the

normally expanded grapples flexible round fin like integrating retaining elements the

resilient retaining means 104, but slightly larger and slightly smaller than the diameter

of the body of the candy holder 101, holding stick 201 previously described, and shown

below shown in FIG. 2A. At the same time, insertion said insertion throat 109 is

slightly larger than the width of the section at the neck space 106.

[0077] FIG. 2C is an axial section view of the same movable candy 102 showing its

assembling cavity 108 with the insertion throat 109 at its bottom and the upper end

<del>open.</del>

[0078] [0087] In FIG. 2D On top of FIG. 2A is shown an axial section view of the plug

201 an edible plug 213, in this particular embodiment conformed to a configured as a

tapered cylinder with a flat upper surface.

[0079][0088] In FIG 2E FIG. 2B is shown an axial section view of a possible

embodiment the same possible embodiment of the dancing toy lollipop previously

shown exploded in FIG. 2A, with the early holder 101 holding stick 201, the movable

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eandy movable edible piece 102 and the edible plug 201 plug 213, illustrated in the previous views, after their complete assembling, wherein can be seen that in this embodiment, the plug 201 functions like a stop to prevent the movable candy from slipping down going out of the candy holder 101, while the. As can be seen in this figure, the resilient retaining elements 104, prevent said movable candy movable edible piece 102- from going out upward easily, because their normal expanded width is slightly larger than the inner-diameter of the insertion throat 109 at the bottom of the assembling cavity 108 in said the movable piece 102 movable edible piece and, on the other hand, -insertionsaid insertion throat is slightly smaller than the main body section of the holding stick 201, so that said movable edible piece may not slip down either. However, it is evident In this figure can be seen also that there is a significant gap between the eavity assembling cavity 108 of the movable candy movable edible piece 102 and the upper-tip-portion 103 of the earnly holder 101 holding stick 201 with the expanded resilient retaining elements 104. Therefore, though said movable eandy movable edible piece is retained in a relative secure reliable axial position, it is free to rotate, swing laterally and/or swivel around the candy holder 101 in relation to the holding stick 201, as illustrated by the dotted line contours, in a sort of

[0080][0089] FIG. 3 comprises two views, FIGS. 3A and 3B. This figure illustrates illustrate a possible another possible embodiment of the dancing toy lollipop object of the present invention, early holder, with a simple holding stick combined with another possible embodiment of movable candy movable edible piece integrated by two parts. identical halves.

dancing random movements, whenever the dancing toy lollipop is conveniently flipped,

shaken or revolved by the user's hand-or by means of an appropriate driving holder.

[0081][0090] In FIG. 3A is shown an elevation view illustrating an exploded view of an alternate embodiment of the dancing toy lollipop comprising a candy holder 101, comprising a holding stick 301, provided with a spherical rigid stop at its top end stop 103, 303 and two symmetrical hollow semi spherical candy halves 102a and

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102b 302a, shown in axial section, section before its assembling and attachment to the eardy holder 101. to the holding stick 301.

<u>l00821[0091]</u> In FIG. 3B is shown an axial section view of the same embodiment after the assembling of the both halves <u>102a</u> and <u>102b</u> 302a around the top end stop <u>103</u> 303 of the <u>eandy holder\_101 holding stick 301</u>. The union of both halves may be achieved by any <u>eonvenient\_procedureappropriate procedure</u> such as <u>aan edible and currently available</u> sugar-based adhesive <u>and providing some kind of guiding device</u>. In this figure <u>ean\_may</u> be appreciated the now integral spherical hollow <u>movable candy 102, movable edible piece 302</u>, with its interior <u>eavity\_assembling cavity</u> 108-in the form of a <u>elosed spherical chamber</u>, <u>significantly substantially larger</u> than the top end stop <u>103, 303</u> but with a narrow opening <u>or\_insertionor insertion</u> throat <u>109, 309 at its bottom</u>, such that the movable candy <u>102, said movable edible piece 302</u>, after its assembling, cannot be <u>taken outremoved</u> from the <u>eandy holder holding stick 301</u>, but is free to <u>rotate, swing and or and/or</u> swivel in relation to said <u>eandy holder holding stick</u>, when the dancing toy lollipop is <u>conveniently flipped</u>, shaken or revolved by the user' hand.

100831[0092] In FIG. 4 is shown an axial section view of another alternate embodiment of the dancing toy lollipop object of the present invention, object of the present invention comprising, comprising a single movable candy102, movable edible piece 402 with cylindrical shape, in which the candy holder 101 and a holding stick 401 is provided at its top end 103 403 with the resilient retaining elements 104, 404, consisting in opposite protruding laterally protruding resilient grapples pins, which can be elastically bent inward downward to allow the insertion of the eardy holder holding stick 401 to the into the assembling cavity 108 408 inside the movable candy 102 movable edible piece 402, which is only open at its bottom, and said eavity assembling cavity, in turn, is provided with transverse holes 108a, 408', into which can expand the resilient retaining grapples 104, thus pins 404 expand, thereof retaining in axial position the movable candy movable edible piece 102 402 on the eardy holder 101, holding stick 401, but with a very loose fit that allows swinging movements of the movable candy said movable

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edible piece in relation to the candy holder said holding stick, when the dancing toy

lollipop is conveniently moved by the user.

[0084][0093] FIG. 5 comprises three views FIGS.FIGS. 5A through to 5C. This figure

illustrates illustrate another possible embodiment of eandy holder the dancing toy

lollipop object of the present inventionwith, with a holding stick provided with a

movable attachment, around around which is tightly molded the candy mass.

[0085][0094] In FIG. 5A is shown an exploded axial section view of another an

alternate embodiment of a combined holding stick for the dancing toy lollipop present

invention, object of the present invention, including a candy holder 101, comprising a

basic holding stick 501, consisting which inconsists in a cylindrical stick with a

semispherical top end stop-103, 503, shown at the lower part of the figure, and above

while separate, above it, is shown a-separate movable attachment-501-514, consisting in

a thin wall hollow cylindrical shell or socket closed at its upper end.

[0086][0095] In FIG. 5B, is shown is shown the same embodiment, after the

assembling of said movable attachment 501 514 to the top end stop 103 503 of the

eardy holder 101, with holding stick 501 with the shell constricted below said top end

stop to a diameter smaller than the top end stop diameter, forming a a insertion throat

109, 509 and a union with the holding stick that behaves as a sort of universal jointso

that it now cannot, such that thereof it said movable attachment cannot be taken out

disassembled from the earney holder 101; holding stick 501, while its loose fit, fit allows

its movement said movable attachment to move in relation to the candy holder holding

stick when a when the dancing toy lollipop provided with such type of combined holding

stick is conveniently moved by the user.

[0087][0096] In FIG. 5C, is shown is shown the same embodiment previously

illustrated in FIGS. 5A and 5B, after the completion complete assembling of the dancing

toy lollipop, by a manufacturing process very similar to the presently used almost like

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the current process, so that wherein the candy mass is tightly molded tightly around the

movable shell attachment 501, 514, forming integrating with it a movable candy 102,

movable edible piece 502, with spherical shape, like some movable edible pieces shown

in similar to other alternate embodiments already illustrated in previous figures.

[0088][0097] The early holder 101 holding stick 501 and its top end stop 103, 503

may adopt many different configurations, and can be made using diverse materials, so as

the shellmovable attachment 501, 514, which can be made of different suitable materials

with appropriate chemical and mechanical properties.

[0089][0098] FIG. 6 comprises nine views. In FIGS. 6A through 6J to 6I, wherein are

shown magnified details of some different alternate configurations of upper portions of

holding sticks, provided with several different embodiments possible embodiments of

the retaining means for the dancing toy lollipop object of the present invention, object of

the present invention located, located in different positions on the eardy holder holding

sticks. The purpose of the retaining means is to retain the movable edible pieces of the

dancing toy lollipop, shown in other figures, assembled to the holding stick in the

desired axial positions, but with a loose connection between said movable edible pieces

and the holding stick, because when the retaining elements expand inside the assembling

cavity of said movable pieces, there is a wide empty space or clearance between the

expanded retaining elements and the cavity, such that said retaining means allow (not

cause) the motions of said movable edible pieces in relation to the holding stick, when

the user holding the dancing toy lollipop conveniently moves it with his/her hand. These

alternate embodiments of retaining means at the upper portions of holding sticks have

been or will be referred to and described for the first time in other figures.

[0090][0099] FIG. 7 comprises eight views, FIGS. 7A through to 7H. This figure

illustrates illustrate two different possible embodiments of candy holders holding sticks

that interact with two possible embodiments of separate sliding retaining devices.

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elements, which may be used optionally in alternate embodiments of the dancing toy

lollipop object of the present invention, as will be shown in other figures.

[0091][0100] In FIG. 7A is shown an elevation view of an alternate preferred

embodiment of the candy holder 101, holding stick 701, in which the top end 103 303

has the configuration of a sphere like that referred to for the first time in FIG. 3A, acting

as rigid stop, with its diameter slightly larger than the eardy holder holding stick body,

which, in turn, is provided with a series of notches 701 715 along its surface, in a rack

like pattern, while the lower end-107 candy holder 101\_207 207 of the holding stick, in

this case the entry end, is rounded, like that referred to for the first time in FIG. 2A, to

make easier its insertion through the assembling cavities of the movable candy pieces,

movable edible pieces, not shown, but already seen in previous in other figures.

[0092][0101] In FIG. 7B is shown an elevation view of the same early holder 101

holding stick 701 illustrated in FIG. 7A, looking in the direction indicated by the arrow

<u>III in said figure</u>. In this view can be seen the unidirectional profile of the notches 701,

715, which allows upward and opposes downward displacements.

[0102] In FIG. 7C, is shown is shown an elevation view of another an -alternate

embodiment of the candy holder 101, holding stick 701' with a smooth elongated body

with and with a spherical top end stop 103 and but with a smooth surface body.

[099][0103] In FIG. 7D is shown a top view of a possible embodiment of a separate

slidingsliding retaining device 702, conformed element 716, to be used in combination

with the rack type holding stick 701 configured like a sort of conical flange 717 around

the hollow hub 703. awith a center hub 718.

[0100][0104] In FIG. 7E is shown an axial section view of the separate slidingsliding

retaining device 702 element 716 shown in FIG 7D, through the plane designated by

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the line IV-IV in said figure, wherein can be seen its hollow hub 703. center hub 718, with an axial hole to allow the insertion of the holding stick 701.

designated by the arrow V in FIG. 7E, showing an elastic a resilient flap type unidirectional locking element—704 719, located at the cylindrical wall of the center hub and angularly protruding toward—eere the axis of the hub, whose function is to engage into a matching notch on the rack type eardy holder holding stick 701 to secure lock in axial position said—the separate slidingsliding retaining device element 717, preventing it from slipping down, but easily allowing its upward displacement by the user.

Holder 101 holding stick 701 and a separate slidingsliding retaining device 702 element 716 provided with a lock element 704, 719, the user may assemble and disassemble the dancing toy lollipop, takingremoving the sliding retaining device element 716 apart from the eardy holder 101. holding stick 701. To do so, remove the sliding retaining element from the holding stick, it is only necessary for the user to turn rotate the retaining device said sliding retaining element either clockwise or counterclockwise, so that the elastic resilient locking element 704 719 is pushed out, disengaged from the notch, and is displaced by the user and rotated to the smooth surface area of the holding stick bodyso, so that the separate retaining device sliding retaining element is released and free to be displaced along the eardy holder holding stick in any direction. This is a useful feature that allows the user to create different combinations of movable candy pieces movable edible pieces, not shown, or to replace those worn out.

[0103][0107] In FIG. 7G is shown an axial section view of another alternate embodiment of the separate slidingsliding retaining device 702, retaining element 716, to be used in combination with the smooth body holding stick 701, which is provided with a hollow central hub 707, 718 with an axial tapered hole, and at opposite sides of said hub, protrude inclined angularly downward a sort of small levers 709, 722,

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resembling doll legs in this case, which the user may be pushed push inwardly with his/her fingers as indicated by the arrows M4, to expand the upper and smaller end of the tapered hole of the hub 707, 718, as indicated by the arrow M7.

[0104] [0108] In FIG. 7H is shown a magnified detail view of the encircled area designated by the arrow VI in FIG. 7G. In this figure can be clearly seen that the upper and narrowest end smaller end 720 of the tapered hole 706 of 721, the hub 707 718', has splits two 180 degrees opposite slits 708, 723, cut at a plane rotated 90 degrees relative to the protruding levers 709, 722, and being the normal diameter of said smaller end 720 is constrained to a size slightly smaller than the diameter of the eardy holder smooth body section of the holding stick 701', in order to provide an elastic interference tight fit with a smooth candy holder, like that shownbetween both components, in FIG. 7C, tightly enough being said fit tight enough to accomplish its the desired retaining function. To displace toward the top end of the eandy holdersmooth body holding stick 701' the lower movable candy pieces movable edible pieces, or to attachremove the sliding retaining element 716' to assemble new replacement movable candy pieces movable edible pieces, the user moves the retaining device sliding retaining element along the candy holder holding stick, releasing it by pressing its levers 709 722 inwardly, as explained in FIG. 7G, elastically expanding the splits 708, slits 723, so that the upper constrained smaller end 707-720 of the tapered hole-706 721 expands to a size slightly larger than the candy holder holding stick section, as illustrated by the dashed line contours, and then the sliding retaining element 716' may be easily displaced at will upward or downward along the holding stick 701' by the user.

[0105] In addition, said separate slidingsliding retaining devices retaining elements described above, may be used as finger guards to prevent the direct contact of the user's hand with the movable candy pieces movable edible pieces, contributing to a cleaner and more hygienic handling of the dancing toy lollipop

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[01106] [0110] FIG. 8 comprises eight views FIGS. 8A through to 8H. In these figures are shown illustrate axial section views of different alternate embodiments of movable eandies movable edible pieces for the dancing toy lollipop object of the present invention, object of the present invention-varying, varying in external shape and in the configuration and position of the interior assembling assembling cavity. These configurations of movable edible pieces have been or will be referred to in other figures.

(0111) FIG. 9 comprises three views, FIGS. 9A through to 9C. This figure illustrates illustrate a preferred embodiment of the dancing toy lollipop object of the present invention, object of the present invention, wherein an alternate embodiment of the candy holder holding stick is combined with two possible embodiments of movable eandy pieces movable edible pieces stacked one above the other.

[0108][0112] In FIG. 9A is shown an axial section view of an alternate preferred embodiment of the present invention. In this figure can be seen, at rest or centered central position, comprising: the candy holder 101 a holding stick 901, with with the configuration of a cylindrical stick, similar to that previously shown in FIG. 6C FIG. 6B, and two movable candy pieces 102 movable edible pieces, one above the other. The upper one has the shape of a sphere resembling a stylized doll head 902, like that shown in FIG. 8E, and the lower while the lower movable edible piece 102' is conformed is configured as a truncated cone, resembling a little bell or a stylized doll skirtskirt, like that-shown in FIG. 8A or 8C referred to for the first time in FIG. 1E. The plug-201-913 is an optional piece, similar to that shown in FIG. 2, identified as 213, but with its outer surface convex instead of flat to close the outer opening of the cavity 108 of the upper movable candy. Said plug 201- 913 is tightly and securely inserted into the upper opening of the upper movable edible piece 902, with the aid of pressure, heat, a sugaran edible sugar based adhesive or any other suitable procedure.

[0113] From this eentered central position, both movable candy pieces 102 movable edible pieces 902 and 102' ean oscillate may swing or rock in any direction in

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relation to the earndy holder 101 holding stick 901, as indicated by the arrows M3 and

M5, when the toy lollipop is <u>conveniently</u> flipped or shaken by the user's hand, or by a

special driving holder. In addition, the movable candy pieces 102 movable edible pieces

902 and 102' are free to be rotated by the user around the earndy holder 101. holding

stick 901.

[0110][0114] In FIG. 9B is shown the same preferred embodiment of the present

invention, shown in **FIG. 9A**, with the movable candy pieces 102 movable edible pieces

902 and 102' rocked or swung to the left, as indicated by the arrows M6 and M7.

[0111][0115] In FIG. 9C is shown the same preferred embodiment of the present

invention, shown in FIGS. 9A and 9B, with the movable candy pieces 102 movable

edible pieces 902 and 102' -rocked or swung, to the to the right, as indicated by the

arrows M8 and M9.

[0112][0116] Depending upon the intensity of the shaking, flipping or revolving action

applied to the earney holder 101 holding stick by the user, and the friction between the

movable candy pieces 102 movable edible pieces, both of them can rock or swing to the

same direction, or each one to opposite-different directions, and/or rotate around the

eandy holder holding stick, in a sort of random dancing like movements.

[0113][0117] FIG. 10 comprises three views FIGS. 10A through to 10C. This figure

illustrates in illustrate in magnified details the preferred embodiment of the dancing toy

lollipop previously shown in FIG. 9 FIGS. 9, and FIGS. 9A to 9C, to teach the

behavior of this particular the particular type of resilient retaining means used in said

embodiment, during the assembling process process.

[0114][0118] In FIG. 10A is shown a magnified axial

section view of the same embodiment of the present invention previously illustrated in

FIG. 9 FIGS. 9A to 9C, showing the upper portion of the candy holder 101 holding

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stick 901, during the assembling of a movable candy 102 movable edible piece 102' to it. In this view can be observed the way, in which the that the resilient retaining elements 1004, conformed like arrow grapples, a miniature slotted arrow at the top end 103 1003 of the candy holder 101 holding stick 901, are elastically depressed inwardly toward the axis of said eardy holder holding stick, when the narrow section insertion insertion or insertion throat 109' in the assembling cavity 108 of the movable candy 102 108' of the movable edible piece 102' or insertion throat 109; is slid over them, closing the gap between the inner walls of the slot 1001, 1024, which, at the instant shown, is partially collapsed, thus reducing the width of the early holder 101 holding stick 901 at the section where said resilient retaining elements-104-1004 are located, so that, in such a way, that momentarily, the exterior section width of the grapples retaining elements becomes slightly smaller than substantially equal to the width or diameter of the insertion throat 109 109' in the assembling cavity 108 108' of the movable candy 102, movable edible piece 102', allowing the axial displacement of said movable candy 102 movable edible piece 102' in the direction indicated by the arrow M1, toward the neck space-106. 1006. Then From there, the movable candy movable edible piece may be displaced toward the rigid stop-1002 1025 below, adjacent aboveto the grip portion of the candy holder 101 holding stick 901, passing over the second resilient bi-directional resilient retaining elements-105, 1005, which, in turn, are depressed in the same way described above for the resilient retaining elements 104.

[0115][0119] In FIG. 10B is illustrated a top view of the embodiment previously shown in FIG. 10A, looking in the direction indicated by the arrow VII in said figure.

[0116][0120] In FIG. 10C is shown a magnified axial section view of the <u>same</u> upper portion of the dancing toy lollipop illustrated in FIG. 9, FIG. 10A, with the upper and lower movable candy pieces 102, in, movable edible pieces 902 and 102' in their respective final positions, on the candy holder 101 on the holding stick 901, after having been completed the assembling process, either by the user, or at the factory. In this enlarged view can be seen that duethat, due to the configuration and size of the

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assembling cavity-108 in the upper movable early movable edible piece 902, the both resilient retaining elements 104 and 105 are able to recover elastically their normally expanded position inside the assembling cavity of the movable edible pieces 902 and 102', respectively. In that condition, the inner edge at the insertion the insertion throat 109 109' inside the assembling cavity of the upper movable eandy movable edible piece 902, is engaged at the narrow neck space-106, 1006, which is narrower that the width of while the normally expanded resilient retaining elements 104, 1004, what impedesimpede said upper movable candy 102 movable edible piece 902 to move up and go out easily of the candy holder 101 holding stick 901. At the same time, Said said upper movable candy 102 movable edible piece 902 is also impeded prevented to slip down-further, either by the lower bi-directional resilient retaining elements 105, 1005 or by the lower movable candy 102, movable edible piece 102', located below and previously attached assembled to the candy holder 101 holding stick 901. This lower movable candy 102, movable edible piece 102', in turn, is prevented to slip down further and out from the candy holder 101 holding stick 901, by the rigid stop 1002, 1025, which is slightly larger than the inner diameter of the insertion throat-109. 109' in said movable edible piece 102'. The assembling cavities 108 of both movable candy pieces 102 movable edible pieces 902 and 102', are significantly wider substantially wider than the retaining means width, and atelements and, at the same time, the inner diameters of the insertion throats 109 109' inside the assembling cavities 108' of both movable candy pieces 102 movable edible pieces 902 and 102', are slightly larger than the section of the eardy holder 101 holding stick 901 in the at the neck space 106 and in the than the cylindrical body of said candy holder 101 holding stick 901. Therefore both movable candy pieces 102 movable edible pieces 902 and 102', though reliably retained in axial position, are free to be swung, rocked, swiveled and / orand/or rotated in relation to said candy holder 101 holding stick 901, when the dancing toy lollipop is conveniently moved by the user.

<u>[0117][0121]</u> Depending upon the friction between the movable candy pieces 102 movable edible and pieces and the way, in way in which the lollipop is flipped or

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shaken moved by the user' hand, the movements of said movable candy\_pieces 102

varies movable edible pieces vary greatly, in random patterns and combinations, that,

that, eventually, resemble funny and pleasant dancing movements. The movable candy

pieces movable edible pieces of the present invention also provide an increased pleasure

to the user increase the user's pleasure due to the multiple possible movements when

said edible pieces are sucked or licked inside the user's mouth, almost as freely as

common candies, without rigidly attached rigidly inserted sticks typical in existing

known lollipops.

[0118][0122] When the upper movable candy movable edible piece 902 is consumed

worn out, the user may consume the lower movable candy movable edible piece 102'

may remain in its low position while the user consumes it, or, alternately optionally, may

be forced <u>displaced</u> displace it upward to the neck space 106, 1006 to occupy the

position previously occupied by the worn out early 102, movable edible piece 902,

passing over the bi-directional resilient retaining elements 105, 1005, whose shape

allows the displacement of the movable candy 102 movable edible piece 102' in both

axial directions, when the user, with little effort, pushes moves it toward the desired

position.

[0119][0123] FIG. 11 comprises three views FIGS. 11A through to 11C. This figure

illustrates illustrate an alternate embodiment of the dancing toy lollipop object of the

present invention object of the present invention, comprising a substantially cylindrical

candy holder holding stick combined with a single spherical movable candy movable

edible piece.

[0120][0124] In FIG. 11A is shown an axial section view, illustrating in centered

position illustrating, at rest or central position, an alternate preferred embodiment of the

invention, with a single spherical movable candy 102, movable edible piece 902, like

that shown in FIG. 8E referred to for the first time in FIG. 9A, attached assembled to a

possible embodiment of the earney holder 101 holding stick 1101, with the configuration

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of its upper-tip as tip almost like that previously shown in FIG. 6C previously described in FIG. 10A, but with a slight difference due to the missing rigid lower stop shown in said figure. The arrow M3 indicates the possible rocking or swinging motion of the movable eardy 102 movable edible piece 902 in relation to the eardy holder 101 holding stick 1101 when the dancing toy lollipop is conveniently moved by the user.

[0121] In FIG. 11B is shown an axial section view of the same embodiment shown in FIG. 11A, illustrating the movable candy 102 movable edible piece 902 rocked or swung to the left, as indicated by the arrow M6.

[0122][0126] In FIG. 11C is shown an axial section view of the same embodiment shown in FIGS. 11A and 11B, illustrating the movable candy 102 movable edible piece 902 rocked or swung to the right as right, as indicated by the arrow M8.

[0123][0127] FIG. 12 comprises two views: FIGS. 12A and 12B. This figure illustrates an illustrate other alternate embodiment of the dancing toy lollipop object of the present invention object of the present invention, combining three movable candy pieces movable edible pieces with different geometrical configuration. configurations.

[0124][0128] In FIG. 12A is shown an elevation view of an alternate embodiment of the dancing toy lollipop, comprising the candy holder 101 a holding stick 901, like that referred to for the first time in FIG. 9A and described in FIG. 10A, and three movable eandy\_ pieces 102to which are assembled three movable edible pieces, with different configurations and sizes, stacked one above the other on the upper portion of said-eandy holder 101 holding stick 901, shown in FIG. 6B and others. The In this case, the lower movable candy and larger movable edible piece 1202 has the shape of a flat cylinder; the intermediate movable candy movable edible piece 1202', has the shape of a flat prism with square section and the upper movable candy and smaller movable edible piece 1202" has the shape of a flat prism with triangular section. The arrow M10 indicates

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possible directions of rocking motion of the movable candy pieces movable edible

pieces when the dancing toy lollipop is conveniently moved by the user.

[0125][0129] In FIG. 12B is shown a top view of the same embodiment shown in FIG.

12A, in the direction of the arrow VIII in FIG. 12A. The arrow M11 indicates possible

directions of rotational motion of the movable candy pieces 102 movable edible pieces

that may be caused by the action of the user.

[0126][0130] The assembling cavities of all three movable candy pieces movable edible

pieces, not shown, as shown in FIG.8H, are randomly eccentrically located, what

facilitates to impart rotation to the movable candy pieces 102 said movable edible pieces

by revolving when the user revolves the eardy holder 101 holding stick 901 in a

planetary motion mode.

[0127][0131] FIG. 13 comprises three views: FIGS 13A through 13C to 13C. This

figure illustrates another alternate embodiment of the dancing toy

lollipop object of the present invention, with a single movable eardy movable edible

piece conformed like a truncated cone, resembling a little bell-like that shown in FIGS.

8A or 8C.

[0132] In FIG. 13A is shown an elevation view, at rest or central position, of an

alternate embodiment of the invention, with a single movable candy 102 movable edible

piece 102' shaped like a truncated cone or little bell, like that referred to for the first time

in FIG. 1E, in inverted position attached assembled to a possible embodiment of the

earty holder 101 holding stick 1101, with a configuration similar to the embodiment

configured like that previously shownreferred to for the first time in FIG. 11A.

being said bell shaped movable candy 102 in centered position with respect to the candy

holder 101. The arrow M5 indicates possible swinging motions of said movable candy

movable edible piece in relation to the holding stick when the dancing toy lollipop is

conveniently moved by the user.

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<u>in FIG. 13A</u>, wherein the bell shaped movable candy 102 movable edible piece 102' is swung to the <u>left as left</u>, as indicated by the arrow M7.

<u>in FIGS. 13A</u> and <u>13B</u>, wherein the bell shaped <u>movable earney 102</u> movable edible <u>piece 102</u> is swung to the <u>right as right</u>, as indicated by the arrow M9.

<u>[0131][0135]</u> FIG. 14 comprises three views: FIGS. 14A through to 14C. This figure illustrates an illustrate an alternate embodiment of dancing toy lollipop object of the present invention, provided with two movable candy pieces movable edible pieces conformed like truncated cones, resembling little bells, like in FIG. 13.

position, of another alternate embodiment of the present invention, comprising the candy holder 101 holding stick 901, similar to that referred to for the first time in FIG. 9A shown, and described in FIG. 10A in FIG. 9, and, combined with two movable candy pieces 102, movable edible pieces 102', stacked one above the other, both shaped like a truncated cone or little bell, similar to that referred to for the first time in FIG. 1E, in inverted positionlike in FIG. 13, one above the other. In this embodiment, the upper movable candy 102 has movable edible piece has an optional candy plug 201, 913 referred to for the first timepreviously shown in FIG. 2, FIG. 9A and described in FIG.10A, securely inserted to close its outer the upper opening of said upper movable edible piece. The arrow M5 indicates the possible swinging motions of the movable candy pieces 102 movable edible pieces 102' in relation to the candy holder 101 holding stick 901, when the dancing toy lollipop is conveniently moved by the user.

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[0133] In FIG. 14B is shown an elevation view of the same embodiment shown in FIG. 14A, wherein both movable candy pieces 102, movable edible pieces 102' are swung to the left as left, as indicated by the arrow M7.

<u>in FIGS. 14A</u> and <u>14B</u>, wherein both movable candy pieces <u>102</u> movable edible pieces <u>102</u> are swung to the <u>right as right, as</u> indicated by the arrow <u>M9</u>.

[0135][0139] FIG. 15 comprises three views FIGS. 15A through to 15C. This figure illustrates illustrate an alternate embodiment of the dancing toy lollipop object of the present invention, with a single movable candy conformed movable edible piece configured like an inverted truncated cone, resembling an inverted little bell or a stylized flower.

<u>f0136f[0140]</u> In FIG. 15A is shown an elevation view, in centered at rest or central position, of an alternate embodiment of the <u>dancing toy lollipop object of the present invention invention</u>, with a single <u>movable candy 102</u>, <u>movable edible piece 102</u>, similar to <u>that referred to for the first timethose shown</u> in <u>FIG. 1EFIGS. 8A or 8C</u>, conformed as <u>configured as</u> an inverted truncated cone resembling a little bell with its wider part upward, or <u>like</u> a stylized flower, <u>attachedassembled</u> to <u>an embodiment of the eandy holder 101 holding stick 1101</u>, similar to the <u>eandy holder holding stick referred to for the first time previously shown</u> in FIG. 11A. The arrow M3 indicates the possible rocking or tilting motion of the <u>movable candy 102</u> movable edible piece 102' in relation to the <u>eandy holder 101 holding stick 1101</u>, when the dancing toy lollipop is conveniently moved by the user.

[0137][0141] In FIG. 15B is shown an elevation view of the same embodiment shown in FIG. 15A, wherein the movable candy 102 movable edible piece 102' upper part is tilted to the left, as indicated by the arrow M6.

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<u>[0138][0142]</u> In FIG. 15C is shown an elevation view of the same embodiment shown in FIGS. 15A and 15B, wherein the movable candy 102 movable edible piece 102' upper part is tilted to the right, as indicated by the arrow M8.

[0139][0143] FIG. 16 comprises three views FIGS. 16A through to 16C. This figure illustrates illustrate an alternate embodiment of the dancing toy lollipop object of the present invention, with two movable candy pieces movable edible pieces conformed configured like inverted truncated cones, resembling little bells or stylized flowers.

position, of an alternate embodiment of the invention, comprising two movable candy pieces 102 movable edible pieces 102, similar to that previously shown referred to for the first time in FIG. 15 FIG. 1E, stacked one above the other, attached assembled to an embodiment of the candy holder 101 holding stick 901, similar to the candy holder previously shown that referred to for the first time in FIG. 9 FIG. 9A and described in FIG. 10A. The arrow M3 indicates the possible rocking motion of the movable candy pieces 102 movable edible pieces 102 in relation to the candy holder 101 holding stick 901 when the dancing toy lollipop is conveniently moved by the user.

<u>in FIG. 16A</u>, wherein the upper parts of the movable candy pieces 102 movable edible pieces 102' are tilted to the left, as indicated by the arrow M6.

<u>in FIGS. 16A</u> and <u>16B</u>, wherein the <u>upper part of the movable candy pieces 102</u> movable edible pieces <u>102</u> are tilted to the right, as indicated by the arrow <u>M8</u>.

[0143][0147] FIG. 17 comprises four views: FIG. FIGS. 17A through 17D to 17C. This figure illustrates illustrate a relatively complex preferred embodiment of the dancing toy lollipop object of the present invention, combined provided with several

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movable candy pieces movable edible pieces and inedible components, resembling a little dancing doll, inserted standing on a rocking base, inside which is encased an electronic device to play sounds and/or emit light.

lollipop resembling a little dancing dolldoll, in a centered position or at rest or central position, comprising six independent components: the eardy holder 101 holding stick 901, like that referred to for the first time in FIG. 9A and described in FIG. 10A; two movable candy pieces 102 movable edible pieces, one on the top, resembling the head 902, with a candy plug-201-913 closing its upper opening, like those referred to for the first time in FIG. 9A closing its opening, and the other, below, resembling the skirt 102', like that referred to for the first time in FIG. 1E, in inverted position; an upper intermediate movable piece-1701, resembling 1726 resembling the torso and arms of the dancinglittle doll, which eanmay be either edible or inedible, and is located between both movable candy pieces 102 movable edible pieces 902 and 102'; and the lower movable inedible piece 1702-716' resembling the legs of the little doll, which at the same time is a sliding retaining element like that referred to for the first time in FIG. 7G.

[0145][0149] This alternate embodiment, as many others, can most of them, may be inserted by the user supported on a rocking base 1703, 1727, conveniently conformed, with its lower surface configured as a section of a sphere, in order to rock or swing over a suitable surface inside which is properly encased a miniature electronic device and its corresponding battery power source, not shown, which is switched on for a short period of time whenever the handle is it is touched and/or moved by the user, and plays a pleasant melody such as, but not limited to, a Hawaiian hula tune, and, at the same time can emit tiny colored blinking lights through all the components of the dancing toy lollipop, provided with appropriate translucent properties.

<u>[0146][0150]</u> In **FIG. 17B** is shown a front view of the same embodiment shown in **FIG. 17A**, illustrating an instant of a possible dancing like motion of the toy lollipop, in

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which the rocking base 1703 1727, on a flat surface 1728, is rocked to the left moved by

the user, while the arms 1701 1726 and legs 1702 are swung to the right, and the

movable candies 102, movable edible piece 902 resembling, resembling the head, at the

at the top with the plug-201 913 and the movable edible piece 102' resembling the skirt

below, are swung to the left, as indicated by the arrow M6.

[0147][0151] In FIG. 17C is shown a front view of the same embodiment shown in

FIGS. 17A and 17B, in an instant position of movement, in which the rocking base 1703

base 1727 on a flat surface 1728, is rocked to the right, moved by the user, while the

arms 1701 arms 1726 and legs 1702 are swung to the left, and the movable candy pieces

102 movable edible piece 902, resembling the head at the top with the plug 201 913 and

the movable edible piece 102' resembling the skirt below, are swung to the right as

indicated by the arrow M8.

[0148] In FIG. 17D is shown an axial section view of a possible embodiment of the

rocking base 1703, illustrating the semi spherical shape of the lower bearing surface

1704 of said base, which is closed above by a properly conformed and securely fitted

cover 1705, which is provided with a socket 1706, into which can be securely fixed the

lower end of the candy holder, previously shown, and inside said rocking base is

conveniently encased a miniature electronic device and its battery power source;

illustrated as the block unit 1707, designed to be switched on for a short period of time

by a slight rocking movement of the rocking base, playing pleasant melodies such as a

Hawaiian hula tune, and/or emitting tiny colored blinking lights to be propagated

through the components of the dancing toy lollipop, which, for that purpose, are built

with appropriate translucent properties or provided with embedded fiber optics.

[0149][0152] Depending upon the way, in way in which the DANCING dancing toy

lollipop is shaken, flipped, revolved or rocked on the rocking base, or held on the user's

hand, the movable pieces of the toy lollipop will oscillate to one side or the other, and

<del>/or</del>and/or rotate in many different possible motion combinations, producing amusing and

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entertaining effects, increased by the melodies and /or colored blinking lights produced by the miniature electronic device encased inside the rocking base, shown in FIG. 17D. dancing like motion effects. In all cases, said motions must be caused by the action of the user.

<u>to 18D</u> This figure illustrates another illustrate another alternate preferred embodiment of the dancing toy lollipop object of the present invention, provided resembling a little dancing doll, combining a specially configured holding stick with several movable eardy pieces movable edible pieces and inedible components, resembling a little dancing doll, some of them similar to that similar to those previously shown and referred to for the first time in **FIG. 17 FIGS. 17A** to 17C, and including an optional supporting base.

[0151][0154] In FIG. 18A is shown an elevation view of another preferred embodiment of multi candy dancing toy lollipop resembling a little dancing doll 1800, standing stable on a static supporting base 1827. This alternate preferred embodiment comprises two movable candy pieces 102, one spherical movable edible pieces: one with spherical configuration candy on top, resembling the head of the doll 902, with a plug candy piece <del>201,</del> edible plug 913, securely inserted to close its outer opening, both pieces similar to those referred to for the first time in FIG. 9A, and below, the lower eardy piece movable edible piece-1802, resembling the skirt of the little dancing doll, almost like the movable edible piece 1702 previously shown in FIGS. 17A to 17C, but slightly different due to its outer curved lateral surfaceresembling the skirt of the dancing doll, both; both movable edible pieces are separated by an intermediate component 1701, 1726, exactly like that referred to for the first time in FIGS. 17A, resembling the upper bodytorso and extended arms of the doll, which may be a candy piece, either an edible piece-of different flavor and color or an inedible component made of plastic or any other suitable material, and All those pieces, are assembled to a candy holder 101 the holding stick 1801, also made of made of plastic or any suitable material, and specially configured, such that its whose grip portion-1802 1801a resembles the legs of the dancing doll,

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while its lower end tip-, not shown in this figure, is <u>designed to be</u> inserted into an the optional <u>static</u> base 1803, 1827, which, in turn, is made of plastic or any other suitable material <u>and is provided with a flat lower surface</u>, which allows to keep the <u>dancing</u> toy lollipop to be placed vertically on any <u>horizontal and flat</u> <u>appropriate</u> surface such 1728, such as a table top, like that previously shown in FIG. 17A.

[0152][0155] In FIG. 18B is shown a top view of the same embodiment of the dancing toy lollipop previously shown in FIG. 18A.

[0153][0156] In FIG. 18C is shown an axial a front axial section view of the same embodiment of the dancing toy lollipop shown in FIGS. 18A and 18B. This view illustrates the interior configuration of the interior of the movable candy pieces 102 of the movable edible pieces 902 and 1802, and the intermediate movable piece 1701, all 1726, all provided with assembling cavities 108' and -attached assembled to the candy holder 101, and provided with assembling cavities 108, holding stick 1801, in such a way, that said movable candy pieces 102 movable edible pieces 902 and 1802, and the intermediate movable piece-1701, 1726, although retained in axial position by the retaining means on the holding stick,- are free to be swiveled or swung to any side in relation to the candy holder 101 said holding stick 1801, whenever when this is the dancing toy lollipop is conveniently flipped, shaken or revolved by the user's hand. In this view is also shown the eardy holder holding stick grip portion 1802, 1801a resembling the legs of the doll, and its lower end tip 1803 1829, inserted in the into the hole 1830, being said hole properly configured and dimensioned to securely fit into it the lower end tip 1829 of the holding stick 1801, and located at the center of the optional base 1801, 1827, in order to keep the lollipop in a stable vertical position on a supporting surface 1728, when it is not being held by the user. In addition, the optional base 1827 is provided with an outer rim edge 1831 conveniently configured and dimensioned for a purpose that will be explained further in FIGS. 30A and 30B.

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[0154][0157] In FIG. 18D is shown an embodiment the embodiment of the early holder

101 holding stick 1801 for this the preferred embodiment of the dancing toy lollipop

shown in FIGS. 18A to 18C, wherein are illustrated illustrating its main parts: the top

resilient retaining elements 104, 1004 located near the top or entry end-103 1003; the

neck space 106 1006; the lower bi-directional resilient retaining elements 105 1005, all

said three parts like those referred to for the first time in FIG. 10A; the grip portion 1802

1801a, resembling the doll legs and, at and, at the same time, acting as lower rigid stop

for the movable candy pieces; movable pieces above. and the This holding stick is

provided with a lower end eylindrical tip 1803 tip 1829, which allows its insertion to

insert the holding stickin the into the optional base 18011827, as shown in FIG. 18C.

previously illustrated in FIGS. 18A and 18C.

[0155] In FIG. 18 E is shown an axial section view of the optional base 1801, in this

case with a disk or flange shaped body, provided with a hole 1805, whose size and

configuration match the candy holder lower tip end 1803, with a small positive tolerance

to allow the fitted insertion of said candy holder, in order to keep the toy lollipop in a

stable vertical position on any suitable surface, when it is not in use.

[0156][0158] In FIG. 19 is shown an elevation view of another embodiment of the

dancing toy lollipop object of the present invention, object of the present invention in, in

which the eardy holder 101 holding stick 1901 resembles a ramified plant stem ramified

in three with one main and central holding stick 1901, and two lateral branches 1901,

1901a, all provided with decorative elements 1902, 1932 resembling leaves, while on

each to each of the three tips of said candy holder ramified holding stick, is

attachedassembled a movable candy 102, movable edible piece 1902, resembling small

fruits, all of them with the optional with optional candy plug 201 plugs 913, like that

referred to for the first time in FIG. 9A, closing their outer openings.

[0157][0159] In FIG. 20 is shown an elevation view of another embodiment of the

dancing toy lollipop object of the present invention object of the present invention in, in

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which the eardy holder 101 holding stick 1901 has the same embodiment configuration

shown previously referred to for the first time in FIG. 19, but in this alternate possible

embodiment the movable candy pieces 102 movable edible pieces 2002

attachedassembled on each top end; to each end tip, resemble little flowers, similar to

those shown in FIGS. 8A or 8C...

[0158][0160] These These, and in general almost all possible embodiments of the

dancing toy lollipop sobject of the present invention-, like the doll like dancing toy

lollipop shown in FIG. 18, may be provided with an appropriate optional base base, as

shown in FIGS. 17A to 17C and 18A to 18C, to hold the dancing toy lollipop in a stable

vertical position on any appropriate surface, when the lollipop is not being

consumed held by the user.

[0159][0161] In FIG. 21 is shown an elevation view of another alternate embodiment

of the dancing toy lollipop object of the present invention, in which the eardy holder

101, holding stick 2101 is also ramified in three smooth holding sticks, each with a

movable candy piece 102, movable edible piece 102', resembling an inverted little bell

or stylized flower, similar to those shown in FIG. 8A or 8C that referred to for the first

time in FIG. 1E.

[0160][0162] In FIG. 22 is shown an elevation view of another alternate embodiment

of the dancing toy lollipop sobject of the present invention illustrating a

candy holder 101 holding stick 2201 with the configuration of a trident, provided with

holding attachments 101a, similar to that referred to for the first time previously shown

in FIG. 1A, on each tip end, and to while to each of them is attached assembled a

movable candy 102, movable edible piece 102, like that shown in the same FIG. 1A

referred to for the first time in said figure.

[0161] [0163] In FIG. 23 is shown an elevation view of a multipiece an embodiment of

the dancing toy lollipop sobject of the present invention comprising, comprising a candy

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holder 101 holding stick 901, similar to that referred to for the first time in FIG. 9A and

described in FIG. 10A, with several combined with several movable candy pieces 102

movable edible pieces 2302, like those previously shown in FIG. 8G, stacked one above

the other, eonformed configured like little spheres resembling segments of a caterpillar

with lateral protuberances 2301, 2333 resembling segments of a caterpillar. In this, as in

all embodiments provided with multiple movable candy pieces, movable edible pieces,

when the top candy is consumed, the user may pushdisplace upward the remaining

movable candy pieces, movable edible pieces, until the upper one reaches the top of the

eandy holder holding stick and is axially retained there by any appropriate retaining

means, retaining means like those previously shown in FIG. 6FIGS. 6A to 6I, or by any

other suitable retaining elements.

[0162][0164] In FIG. 24 is shown an elevation view of another possible embodiment of

the dancing toy lollipop object of the present invention. In this embodiment the candy

holder 101, wherein the holding stick 901, like that referred to for the first time in FIG.

9A and described in FIG. 10A, has assembled on its top end a movable candy 102, a

movable edible piece -conformed 2402, configured like a hollow semi sphere resembling

a stylized flower, similar to that <u>previously</u> shown in FIG. 8D, <u>but</u> in inverted position.

Below said movable candy, movable edible piece, retaining it in its axial position, is

attached a separate an inedible spacer piece 2401, 2434, consisting in a tubular body

2435, with protuberances—1902—1935 resembling stylized leaves, like those referred to

for the first time previously shown in FIG. 19, and said spacer is expanded widened at its

base-2402, to form a sort of flange 2436, which acts as has the function of finger guard,

being said spacer-2401 2434, in turn, retained in axial position by resilient retaining

elements, not shown, as not visible, similar to any of those previously shown in FIG. 6

FIG. 6B, located above the grip portion of the early holder 101 holding stick 901.

[0163][0165] FIG. 25 comprises two views: FIGS. 25A and 25B. This figure illustrates

illustrate in axial section views an alternate preferred another alternate embodiment of

the dancing toy lollipop object of the present invention, provided with several stacked

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movable candy pieces; movable edible pieces retained in the desired axial position by a separate slidingsliding retaining device retaining element, which allows the manual upward displacement by the user of the remaining movable candy pieces movable edible pieces when the top one has been consumed.

[0164][0166] In FIG. 25A is shown an axial section view of an alternate preferred embodiment of the dancing toy lollipop object of the present invention, object of the present invention with, with a rack like type early holder 101, holding stick 701, previously shownlike that referred to for the first time in FIGS.FIG. 7A and 7B. provided with a series of notches 701 715 along its upper portion and with a rigid spherical stop at its top end-103, 303, like that referred to for the first time in FIG. 3A, while where is attached assembled to said eandy holder holding stick is one movable eardy 102, one movable edible piece 2502, like that previously shown in FIG. 8E, with the shape of a small sphere, and below are and below, are attached also assembled, stacked one above the other, several other movable candy pieces 102, movable edible pieces 2502', in this case four, four shaped like biconvex lenses, or stylized rattlesnake tail disks, like that previously shown in FIG. 8F and others, stacked one above the other, and under them, while under the lower one is a separate sliding attached a sliding retaining device retaining element 702, 716 also previously shown like that referred to for the first time in FIGS. 7D, 7E and 7F FIG. 7D, provided with a locking element 704, 719 which engages in a to a matching notch 701, keeping 715 on the holding stick 701, to keep all the movable candy pieces movable edible pieces above in secure retained in the desired axial position.

[0165][0167] In FIG. 25B is shown a second view of the same possible embodiment previously shown in FIG. 25A, but wherein the four biconvex lent like movable candy pieces 102 movable edible pieces 2502' have been displaced upward, as indicated by the arrow M12, after having been worn out consumed the spherically shaped top movable earnly top movable edible piece 2502. To accomplish this displacement, the user manually pushes upward the separate slidingsliding retaining device retaining element

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702, 716 until its locking element 719 engages to a notch another notch 715 nearer to the top end 103 303 of the candy holder 101. holding stick 701.

[0166][0168] In this particular possible embodiment, as in some others, the rounded lower end 207, like that referred to for the first time in FIG. 2A, is the entry end for the assembly to the holding stick 701 allof all the movable candy pieces 102, movable edible pieces 2502 and 2502', so as well as for the separate slidingsliding retaining device retaining element 702, 716, are entered to the candy holder 101 through its rounded lower end 107.

[0167][0169] As was explained in FIG. 7D to 7F, the separate slidingsliding retaining device retaining element 702 716 may be removed to replace the consumed movable earned pieces, movable edible pieces, or to assemble different combinations of the dancing toy lollipop.

for the dancing toy lollipop object of the present invention, object of the present invention similar, similar to that previously shown in FIG. 25, FIGS. 25A and 25B, in a centered at rest or central position designated by the arrow IX, from where it may the holding stick 701—be may be flexed laterally bent to any side as indicated by the arrow M12, M13, to make it oscillate or vibrate between extreme lateral positions illustrated by dashed lines line contours, and designated by the arrows X and XI, respectively. In this alternate embodiment, the eardy holder 101 holding stick 701 is of the rack type like that referred to for the first time previously shown in FIGS. FIG. 7A and 7B, and, being said holding stick made of a very elastic suitable resilient material. At the top position is attached assembled a movable candy 102, movable edible piece 2502, like that referred to for the first time in FIG. 25A previously shown in FIG. 8E, with the shape of a small sphere, and below are attached assembled other several other movable candy pieces 102, movable edible pieces 2502', in this case seven, stacked one above the other, shaped like biconvex lenses or stylized rattlesnake tail disks, like that those referred to for the first

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time in FIG. 25A previously shown in FIG. 8F. The All the eight movable candy pieces 102 movable edible pieces are prevented from going up and out of the candy holder 101 holding stick 701 by appropriate retaining means, not shown, like those illustrated in FIG. 6, the top end stop 303, previously shown in FIG.10A and others, and are prevented from slipping down by the separate sliding retaining deviceelement 702. 716previously shown like that referred to for the first time in FIGS. FIG. 7D and 7E. This embodiment allows the user to make the eardy holder holding stick elastically oscillate to any side laterally, as indicated by the arrow-M12, M13, like a sort of edible rattle toy, when it is conveniently moved by the user's hand.

[0169][0171] In this embodiment, as in all provided with multiple movable edible pieces-the, the user may displace progressively upward the remaining lower movable eandy pieces, movable edible pieces, as the top one is worn out, consumed, keeping all the movable eardy pieces movable edible pieces retained in the desired axial position on the holding stick 701, in this case by means of the separate sliding retaining device retaining element 702, 716 provided with an appropriate locking element, previously shown in FIG. 7FFIGS. 7D to 7F, which engages in theto the rack notches of the earndy holder 101. holding stick 701, previously shown in FIGS. 7A and 7B.

[0170] [0172] In addition, as in other embodiments previously described, the separate slidingsliding retaining device retaining element 702 716 is conformed in such a way, that it also accomplishes the function of fingers guard preventing the direct contact of the user's fingers with the movable candy pieces 102 movable edible pieces 2502' above.

(0171) [0173] In FIG. 27 is shown an elevation view of another possible embodiment of the dancing toy lollipop sobject of the present invention similar, similar to that previously shown in FIG. 26, but wherein the lower end of the early holder 101 holding stick 701 is securely inserted by proper means into a grip portion 2701 attachment 2701a of the toy lollipop, made of flexible moldable material, resembling a

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little rattle snakestylized rattlesnake body. In this alternate embodiment the rattling tail is resembled by the movable candy pieces 102 group of movable edible pieces 2502 and 2502' retained in position by the sliding retaining element 716, and attached assembled to the elastic eandy holder 101, holding stick 701, which can be made oscillate manually by the user to any side, as indicated by the arrow—M12, M13, while the prolonged flexible body of the grip portion2701—2701a has its end 2702 lower free end 2737 resembling a snake headstylized snake head, and may be wound in turns 2703, 2738 so that it ean may be placed in a standing stable position on a table or on any appropriate surface and may also be embraced to any suitable support.

[0172][0174] FIG. 28 comprises two views: FIGS. 28A and 28B. This figure illustrates illustrate an alternate embodiment of the dancing toy lollipop object of the present invention, object of the present invention in, in which the eardy holder a main or primary holding stick has several movable attachments, each provided with several—holding secondary short holding sticks securely inserted and a movable eardy small movable edible pieces attached on each assembled to each short holding stick. This embodiment, as many others, can be inserted onto a special handle provided with miniature electronic devices to emit sounds and/ or light.

an axial section view of an alternate embodiment, comprising a main eandy holder 101, or primary holding stick 2801 to which are assembled three movable attachments 2804, 2839, each of them with several short holding sticks 2802, 2801a, six in this case six, securely inserted, and on each of while to each of said short holding sticks, in turn, is assembled one movable eandy 102. movable edible piece 2802, with a shape similar to the movable edible piece 2502, referred to for the first time in FIG. 25, but substantially smaller. The movable attachments 2804 2839 ean swing are provided with cavities similar to the cavities in the movable edible pieces previously described in other figures and thereof, said movable attachments may swing or swivel independently in relation to the eandy holder 101, main holding stick 2801, as indicated by the arrow M10, moving

In FIG. 28A, is shown is shown

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at the same time the short holding sticks 2801a inserted into them, while each movable eandy 102, movable edible piece 2802, in turn, may move in diverse ways in relation to its corresponding short holding stick 2802: 2801a, oscillating as indicated by the arrow M3; turning as indicated by the arrow M11, and/or sliding out and in as indicated by the arrow-M13. M14, being all said kind of motions manually caused when the dancing toy lollipop is conveniently moved by the user. The movable candy pieces 102 may have different size, shape, color and flavor. This alternate embodiment, as many others, can be inserted by the user properly fitted on a special handle 2803, illustrated in axial section, with an adequate grip shape, inside which is properly encased a miniature electronic device and its corresponding battery power source, illustrated as a block unit 2804, which is switched on for a short period of time whenever the handle is touched and/or moved by the user, and plays a pleasant melody and, at the same time may emit tiny colored blinking lights to be propagated through all the components of the dancing toy lollipop, which, for that purpose, are built with appropriate translucent properties or provided with embedded fiber optics.

[0174][0176] In FIG. 28B is shown a top view of the same embodiment shown in FIG. 28A, wherein the arrow-M14 M15 indicates that each group of candies movable edible pieces assembled to the short holding sticks of each movable attachment, can be rotated may randomly rotate randomly in any direction, when the dancing toy lollipop is conveniently moved by the user. The movable attachments, as well as the short sticks, may be either inedible or edible, and in this, as in all possible embodiments of the dancing toy lollipop object of the present invention, the movable edible pieces may have different sizes, shapes, colors and flavors.

[0175][0177] FIG. 29 comprises three views: FIGS. 29A through to 29C. This figure illustrates illustrate in progressive views sequential views of a possible procedure for the assembling by the user of a simple embodiment of dancing toy lollipop, and for the unwrapping of a movable eardy movable edible piece after the assembling. of a dancing toy lollipop.

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[0176][0178] In FIG. 29A is shown an exploded view illustrating a of a simple

embodiment of the dancing toy lollipop present invention, object of the present invention

with the candy holder 101, showing below a holding stick 1101 like that referred to for

the first time in FIG. 11A, provided with resilient retaining elements at its top end-103,

1003, like that referred to for the first time in FIG. 10A. and separate, Separated, above

said eardy holder holding stick, there is a wrapped movable eardy 102, movable edible

piece 102', like that referred to for the first time in FIG. 1E, covered with an appropriate

wrapping 2940, before the assembling of both components, which is carried out by the

user, who may inserting insert the candy holder 101 holding stick 1101 into the movable

eardy 102, movable edible piece 102', by moving them in opposite directions toward

each other, as indicated by the arrows M1 and M13, M16, respectively. During the

assembling operation, the edible movable candy 103 remains movable edible piece 102'

may remain hygienically covered with an the appropriate wrapping 2901, 2940. which

at the beginning of the assembling, will be pierced using the narrow tip of the top end

103 of the candy holder 101.

[0177][0179] In FIG. 29B is shown an elevation view of the same dancing toy lollipop

previously shown exploded in FIG. 29A, already assembled by the user, with the

movable candy 102 movable edible piece 102' attached assembled to the candy holder

101, holding stick 1101, but with said movable candy movable edible piece still covered

by the protection wrapping-2901, 2940, with its bottom pierced\_as shown by as shown

 $\underline{in}$  the sectioned portion designated by the arrow XII.

[0178][0180] In FIG. 29C is shown another elevation view of the same embodiment,

illustrating a possible procedure for the user to remove the protection wrapping 2901,

2940, pulling it to a side, as indicated by the arrow-M13, M17, after the completion of

the assembling of the dancing toy lollipop.

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[0179][0181] This process may vary according to the configuration embodiment of the

dancing toy lollipop and the type of wrapping used.

[0180][0182] FIG. 30, comprises two views: FIGS. 30A and 30B. This figure

illustrates a illustrate a possible protecting transparent case for a preferred embodiment

of the dancing toy lollipop resembling a little dancing doll.

[0181] In FIG. 30A is shown a frontal view of the assembly 1800 of the alternate

preferred embodiment of the dancing toy lollipop-3001, previously shown in FIG. 18A.

resembling a little dancing doll, standing on an optional base-1801, 1827 also previously

shown in FIG. 18, said figure, and under a transparent cover 3001, 3041 conveniently

fitted to the outer rim-1806\_1831 of the said base 1801 to base to protect the dancing

toy lollipop from undesirable contact with insects, dust, etc., when it is not being used.

[0182][0184] In FIG. 30B; is shown is shown an elevation view of the transparent

cover 3001, 3041 with its whose body consisting consists in a cylindrical wall-3006,

3042 with semispherical configuration on its closed top 3007. with a semispherical

closed top 3043. This cover can be made of made of a very transparent thin transparent

plastic, very thin, like soda bottles, and its using the same manufacturing process used

for the manufacturing of soda containers. -could be the same. Its thickened lower edge

3008 3044 is thickened for reinforcement and conformed is configured and dimensioned

to fit at the outer edge of the rim 1806\_1831 of the base 1801. 1827.

[0183][0185] The above description with reference to the figures is considered to be

illustrative illustrative and not restrictive. The true scope and spirit of the invention

resides in the appended claims and their legal equivalents, rather than in the given

examples. Modifications and variations on the embodiments described, or known to

those skilled in the art, may be made within the scope of the dancing toy lollipop

object of the present invention. invention.